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end heating the cooled liquid crystal panel substantially to room temperature.

C2 10. (Twice Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device,
comprising:
forming a liquid crystal panel having a first substrate and a second substrate;
interposing a ferroelectric liquid crystal layer comprised of liquid crystal molecules,
between the first substrate and the second substrate;
cooling the liquid crystal layer to form a monostable alignment of the liquid crystal
molecules; and
heating the cooled liquid crystal layer substantially to room temperature.

C3 12. (Twice Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device
according to claim 10, wherein the liquid crystal layer is cooled below a smectic phase
temperature.

18. (Twice Amended) A method of improving the contrast ratio of a liquid crystal
display device, comprising:
forming a liquid crystal panel having a first substrate, a second substrate, and an
interposed ferroelectric liquid crystal layer that is comprised of liquid crystal molecules;
cooling the liquid crystal layer to form a monostable alignment of the liquid crystal
molecules;
heating the cooled liquid crystal layer substantially to room temperature; and
passing light through said liquid crystal panel.
